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Performance Objectives for Courtroom Security Officers

41.0 Courtroom Security

■ 41.1 Duties and Responsibilities

By the end of this session, the officer:

- **41.1.1** Will identify the legal authority for providing security to the courts in Virginia.
- **41.1.2** Will identify ways to protect evidence, prosecution files, and escapes in the courtroom.
- **41.1.3** Will identify security survey problems in the courtroom.
- **41.1.4*** Will demonstrate ability to develop a plan of operational conduct with the courts and related agencies/organizations.
- **41.1.5** Will list duties in serving the court/judges.
- **41.1.6*** Will demonstrate proper use of appropriate security equipment.

■ 41.2 Security Threats

By the end of this session, the officer:

- **41.2.1** Will list areas where destructive devices can be secreted in a courtroom.
- **41.2.2** Will list types of destructive devices.
- **41.2.3** Will list types of threats or incidents in a courtroom.
- **41.2.4** Will state the procedures to be followed when a destructive device is discovered in a courtroom according to materials presented by the instructor.
- **41.2.5*** Will diagram an effective evacuation plan for a typical courtroom.

■ 41.3 Explosives and Security Problems

By the end of this session, the officer:

- **41.3.1** Will list motives for bombings.
- **41.3.2** Will list types of explosive devices.
- **41.3.3** Will identify components of a fire bomb.
- **41.3.4*** Will demonstrate ability to search a courtroom.
- 41.3.5 Will list procedures to be followed when a destructive device is uncovered.
- **41.3.6*** Will demonstrate proper use of security equipment.

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■ 41.4 Identification of Personnel/Package Control/Detection Devices

By the end of this session, the officer:

- **41.4.1** Will list procedures/devices for effective person control.
- **41.4.2** Will identify the legal authority to conduct a search of persons/packages entering a courtroom.
- **41.4.3** Will identify suitable procedures for problem trials and day-to-day operations.
- **41.4.4*** Will demonstrate proper use of magnetometers and other detection devices.
- **41.4.5*** Will demonstrate proper use of detection devices.

■ 41.5 Sequestered Juries/Witnesses

By the end of this session, the officer:

- **41.5.1** Will define a sequestered jury.
- **41.5.2** Will list three planning needs for sequestered juries.
- 41.5.3* Will develop a model sequestered jury plan.
- **41.5.4** Will identify forms utilized in sequestered jury trials.
- **41.5.5** Will list problems encountered during witness protection.

■ 41.6 Moot Problem/Courtroom Search

By the end of this session, the officer:

- 41.6.1* Will sketch a courtroom floor plan indicating possible security hazards and deployment of personnel.
- **41.6.2** Will identify ways of establishing sound security procedures.
- **41.6.3** Will list ways courtroom personnel can enhance a security plan.
- 41.6.4* Will demonstrate the proper method for controlling a disorder through a moot problem exercise.